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Season's Greetings

Show Calendar

Coin show chairmen are invited to send announcements of upcoming coin shows in the Wisconsin area. Our Calendar will assist collectors and dealers in planning their show attendance and avoid date conflicts. Dates will be listed up to 12 months in advance. Please include:

Official name of show;
Location where the show will be held, including dates and times; and
Show or Bourse Chairman's name, address and phone number.

Send information to Ruth Ann Phillips, 3329 Wells Avenue, Madison, WI 53714.

OSHKOSH, WI - FEBRUARY 20, 1994

Numismatic Research Society's 11th Anniversary Coin Show. Holiday Inn, U.S. 41 at 9th Street. Chairman: Randy Miller, Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

RACINE, WI - MARCH 6, 1994

Racine Numismatic Society 56th Annual Coin & Collectible Show. Racine Marriott Hotel, 7111 W. Washington Avenue (Highway 20). Chairman: William Spencer, 2724 16th Street, Racine, WI 53405.

WAUKESHA, WI - MARCH 13, 1994

Waukesha Coin Club Collectibles and Coin Show. Expo Arena, 1200 Northview Road. Chairman: Tom Snyder, 801 Nortview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188.

SHEBOYGAN, WI - MARCH 19, 1994

Sheboygan Coin & Baseball Card Show. Sheboygan Armory, 516 Broughton Drive, Sheboygan, WI. Chairman: Ed Rautmann, 1652 Riverdale Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081.

MADISON, WI - MARCH 20, 1994

Madison Coin Club's 62nd Anniversary Coin Show. Holiday Inn West, 1313 John Q. Hammons Drive, Middleton, WI 53562-3500. Chairman: Kevin Doyle, 5 N. Western Avenue, Deerfield, WI 53531.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - MARCH 20, 1994

Northwest Coin Club's 59th Annual Show. Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN. Chairman: John Saffert, P.O. Box 18053, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

Peace on Earth...
Good Will Toward Men

The Holiday Season is upon us once again. This year we've decided to forgo using the Santas, reindeer, trees and other symbols of the season on the cover of NOW News. Instead we chose a graphic which is more closely in tune with the true meaning of Christmas --

This seems appropriate in a world where wars abound, death and violence goes on and one cannot but reflect how much mayhem is done in the name of religion. Jews and Arabs in the Middle East, Catholic and Protestants in Ireland and it continues even on the streets of our cities. Perhaps we should all reflect for a few moments on the true meaning of Christmas! 'Nuff said.

Please take a few moments to read the other notices of importance in this issue.

☆ **Dues for 1994**
You may have already noticed --It's Dues time again -- please check your label and use the special envelope enclosed to send your $4 to the Secretary/Treasurer to ensure receiving your next issue. Because of postal weight regulations, <u>everyone</u>, receives a notice even if you've paid ahead or are a Life Member. Do **<u>not</u>** send dues and ballots in the same envelope; the dues may become "lost" for several months until ballots are opened and counted.

☆ Keep in mind that we do not automatically send new membership cards every year. If you desire a new card, let us know and we will send you a new one (a self-addressed, stamped envelope would be nice).

☆ **Life Memberships** are still only $80.

☆ **Ads for 1994**
Why not renew your business-card ad as published in our NOW News for only $20 (or $6 per issue). Send your ad and check (payable to NOW) to Editor Ruth Ann Phillips, 3329 Wells Avenue, Madison, WI 53714.

☆ **Return Your Ballot**
Four Board members will be elected for a 3-year term as well as a new President and Vice President. We have excellent candidates, so please read their Bios and send in your Ballot before February 1st.

☆ **Wisconsin Numismatic Writer's Association Invites New Members**
If you like to write and are interested in numismatics, why not send $1 to Harold Helm and get in competition for the 1994 cash awards. Send your articles to Editor Ruth Ann Phillips. (Details elsewhere)

☆ **Coin Club and Show Information**
Your Club news is always welcome -- be sure your secretary or representative sends in the information form to Ruth Ann Phillips so your club's activities can be included in our calendar.

☆ **Coin Show**
Last month I attended a privately-sponsored coin show at Madison's Holiday Inn West. As counsellor for a Boy Scout Merit Badge, I brought the interested scouts to the show. It was extremely well attended and I had a wonderful time chatting with old friends.

☆ **Stocking Stuffers**
Support our member dealers and advertisers this Christmas season. Stop by their shop, say hello and thanks for supporting NOW... and pick up a few stocking stuffers.

☆ **Address Change**
Greater Milwaukee Coin & Jewelry has announced they have moved a short distance from their old location. Russ Koenig's new address is the Fountain Brook Plaza Office Bldg., 4040 N. Calhoun Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005. (Russ has been Life Member #37L of NOW since 1970).

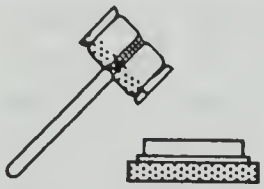
Wisconsin Numismatic Writer's Association Wants YOU!

The purpose of WNWY is to develop numismatic journalistic talents among our members and to publish interesting and informative articles in NOW News. Membership in the group is open to all NOW members. The only requirement is to submit at least one hobby-oriented article each year for publication in NOW News. The News editor has the right to use or reject any article submitted.

Each year at the NOW Annual Show, members of the Wisconsin Numismatic Writer's Association receive awards and cash for the best articles published in the NOW News during the past year. First prize is a plaque and $100, 2nd and 3rd place winners receive $50 and $25, so it could be very profitable to submit your new (or old) articles to compete for the 1994 prizes.

Dues are only $1 per year... send them to Harold Helm, 119 West 9th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

join now, today!



Passing The Gavel

Thanks again to Jim Beyer and the Fox Valley Coin Club. For a second time they changed their show date to avoid a conflict - this time with Madison. April 10, 1994 is the new date for the Appleton show. Changing their date once was very nice of them. The second time was above and beyond what could have been expected of any club. There will not be a third time so check with Ruth Ann or the Numismatic News show calender before picking your next show date.

As you all know NOW has agreed to help host the 1995 Central States Numismatic Society Convention show in Milwaukee. (How well this show does will help determine if and when Wisconsin ever gets another ANA show.) For our contribution NOW has been asked to provide a raffle chairman (or woman.) The ideal volunteer would have some past raffle experience.

NOW has also been asked to come up with the Publicity Chairman (or woman.) This is the person in charge of getting the show all the free publicity possible. Advice and helpful information will be provided by Bob Korosec and the MNS. Anyone interested in volunteering for either chairmanship please let me know as soon as possible.

Also needed are volunteer to help these chairmen. We need you **NOW.** In this holiday season of caring and sharing please volunteer to do your share. Give a little of yourself; it would be a priceless gift for which you will find that the rewards are priceless too.

In closing let me wish all of you and your families a happy and safe holiday season.

Fred

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VOTE!

Introducing N.O.W. Nominees for 1994

Thirteen NOW members were nominated to serve in various capacities. Eight candidates have accepted. Biographies of members who have accepted are listed alphabetically, highlighting each candidate's numismatic interests and associations.

Be sure to send your ballot in a special envelope marked **"Ballot"** to NOW Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Calkins, before February 1, 1994.

President

Tom Fruit (Green Bay, WI)
Tom became interested in coins in the early '40s. He was curator of Numismatics at the Neville Museum and co-founder of Nicolet Coin Club in Green Bay in the '50s. Tom is a chartered member of NOW and TAMS and was editor of Numismatic News from 1959-61. Currently, he is President of the Nicolet Coin Club, which will host the 1994 NOW Show on March 27th in Green Bay.

Vice President

Mike Tramte (Green Bay)
Mike's interest in coin collecting began in 1954, collecting large cents, tokens, medals, National Banknotes and Civil War Store cards of Wisconsin. In 1967 Mike became NOW member #717 and has continued to be very active, holding offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Governors and is our immediate Past-President.

Board of Governors

Bill Brandimore (Wausau, WI)
Bill retired from the Detroit Police Department after 25 years to take the job of Chief of Police in Wausau, WI. wife, Married for 31 years, Bill has 4 children and 3 grandchildren, all living in the Detroit area. They visit at Thanksgiving and attend the big Michigan state show.

He started collecting coins on a paper route in 1952 and now collects mostly paper, specializing in Fractional Currency and Nationals. Bill is working on a WI National city set and has notes from 94 different WI cities. He also collects Upper Peninsula MI notes.

Bill attends NOW shows, the big Paper Money show in Memphis each year and as many other shows as possible. He currently writes a monthly column in the Wausau Daily Herald called "Numismatic Nook" and hope, thereby, to increase interest in numismatics. If elected to the Board, Bob says he'll do his best to promote numismatics in general and Wisconsin numismatics in particular.

Thomas Casper (Milwaukee, WI)
Tom began collecting U.S. coins at the age of 10 years old. For the past 25 years, he's collected exonumia, specializing in Milwaukee items. He's past-president and Life Member of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society. Lee Hartz and Tom founded the Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic, which they ran for 10 years. I also hold membership in NOW, CSNS, Society of Ration Token collectors, Love Token Society and TAMS. He speaks to coin clubs and exhibits at local shows. He has been a contributor to numerous exonumia books.

Roland Finner (Iola, WI)
Coins have been a "way of life" for over 40 years. Member of ANA for nearly 40 years; CNA member for nearly 30 years; charter member, past-secretary of Winona (Mn) Coin Club since its founding in 1955; member of Central States Numismatic Society for 30 years, including 1 term on Board of Governors and 8 years as editor of "The Centinel". CSNS literary award winner in 1972. An avid exhibitor who hopes to see greater participation by fellow collectors. Veteran of 28 years with the Wis. Army National Guard. Employed as QC inspector at Waupaca Foundry.

Lee Hartz (Brown Deer)
Collector for 39 years. Life member, past-President, past-Secretary of Milwaukee Numismatic Society, honorary Life Member, past president, past secretary of South Shore Coin Club; Exhibitor, exhibit judge, exhibit chairman 1977 Central States Numismatic Society convention, co-exhibit chairman 1986 ANA Convention. NOW Board Member, Treasurer of South Shore Coin Club, Finance Chairman for 1995 CSNS Show (tri-hosted MNS, SSCC and NOW).

Harold Helm (Oshkosh)
Currently serving on the Board of Governors for NOW and is coordinator of the NOW Writer's Association. Past-president of NOW 1982-1984, Life Member of ANA, NOW, TAMS, CWTS and CSNS. Also member of Society of Paper Money Collectors.

Jim Jach (Milwaukee)
Jim is a veteran collector, researcher and exhibitor and is a Life Member of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society and South Shore Coin Club. He has been Vice President, Treasurer and Exhibit Chairman of the South Shore Coin Club. He was also Finance Chairman for the CSNS Convention in 1990. Jim is presently Editor of "The Centinel", the official publication of the Central States Numismatic Society.

Return Your Ballot by February 1st, 1994

Please do **not** return your Ballot with your Dues.

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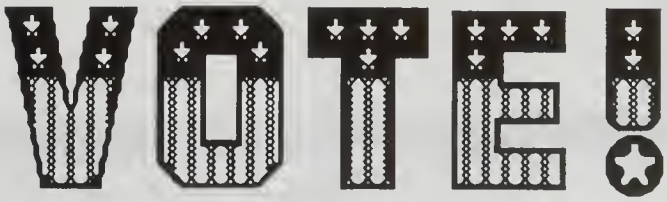
We wish to thank those who submitted nominees and those responded by the NOW News publishing deadline -- and those who chose to run as an officer of NOW.

Also a special thanks to Dan Schied. Dan's term on the Board is expiring and he was nominated, but chose not to run for re-election.... he says he's winding down. Many thanks.



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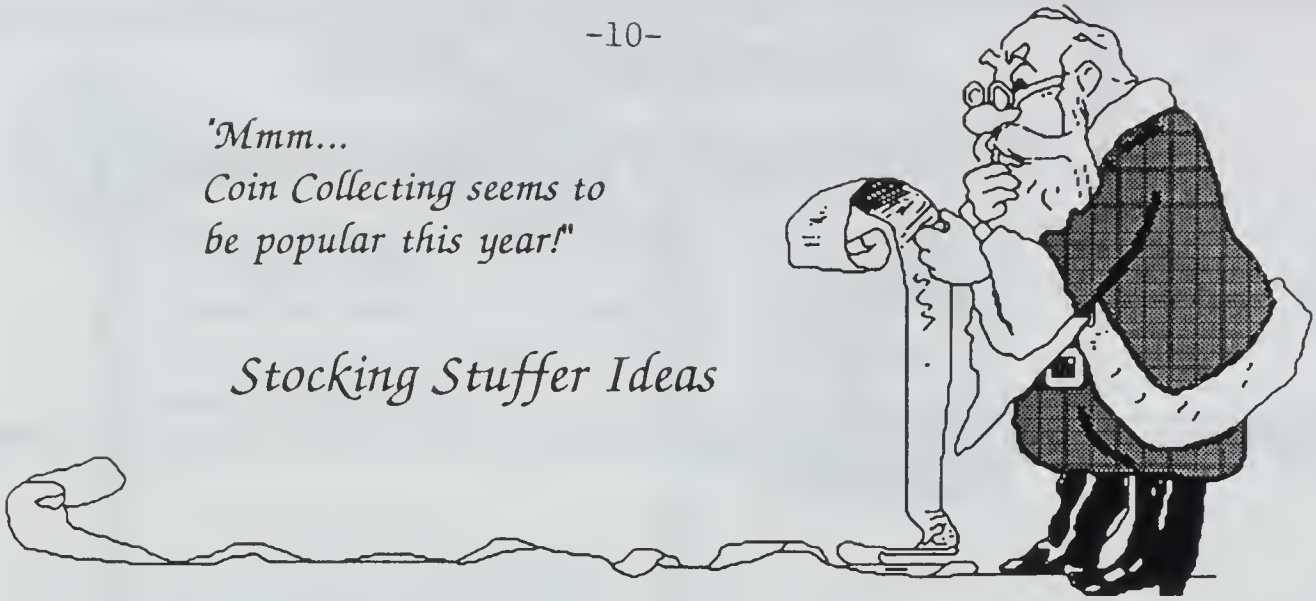

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Only 50 videos made. More on the tape in this issue.

German Banks of Wisconsin and the Great Name Change of 1918

By Bill Brandimore

National Bank Notes are fun to collect in a variety of ways. One way is by area, such as state, city, county or region; another is by unusual title names.

A group of titles that is of considerable interest are the "ethnic" banks... those banks that reflected in their title the particular ethnic community they wished to serve.

In Wisconsin, one such ethnic group was German and six National Banks were chartered with the word "*German*" in their title.

These banks were the German National Bank of Oshkosh (Charter #4196), the Germania National Bank of Milwaukee (#6403); the National German American Bank of Wausau (#4744); the German National Bank of Beaver Dam (#4602) and the German National Bank of Ripon (#4306).

With the onset of World War I, patriotic fervor ran high. Germany, being the "enemy" caused things "German" to come under close scrutiny.

The Oshkosh bank was liquidated on April 6, 1909, leaving five "German" banks remaining and all changed their titles in 1918 within 6 months of each other.

The Germania National Bank of Milwaukee changed to The National Bank of Commerce of Milwaukee, June 1, 1918. The German-American National Bank of Shawano changed to the Wisconsin National Bank of Shawano, July 9, 1918; The German National Bank of Ripon became The American National Bank of Ripon, June 1, 1918; The German National Bank of Beaver Dam became The American National Bank of Beaver Dam, March 29, 1918 and lastly, The National German American Bank of Wausau was changed to American National Bank of Wausau, February 1, 1918.

There was more than a quick name change to avoid conflict to this story, however. A January 9, 1918 newspaper account from the files of the Wausau Daily Herald tells "the rest of the story" -- a story of an immigrant's love for the great national we call America.

Benjamin Heineman, a German-Jewish immigrant to the Wausau Wisconsin community from Heidelberg, Germany and President of the National German American Bank of Wausau spoke to the assembled bank stockholders at their annual meeting.

The meeting was primarily scheduled to elect directors for the bank's board, but before that order of business, Bank President Heineman talked of his experiences. He had returned to visit Heidelberg in 1914, the city he had left in 1869 at the age of 19.

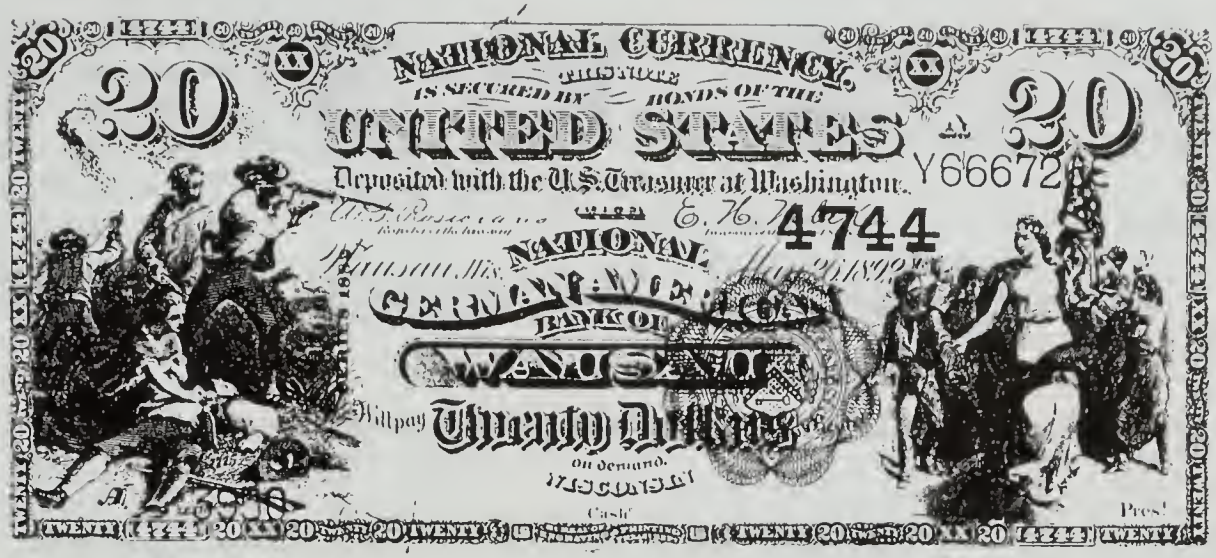
When war broke out all business signs of firms bearing Russian or French names were obliterated, covered or taken down. A few days later when England entered the war, the same thing happened to things "English". Heineman went on to say that this sort of thing happened in all the European countries involved in the war. He found it a great credit to the United States that such demonstrations had not taken place here. "The American national coming out of the melting pot of all nations, is by nature a very generous nation."

He went on to say "No animosity or bad feeling has been shown against the Germans or even against those who were pronounced pro-Germans or those who were still citizens of Germany, excepting in isolated cases." Heineman continued, "...as President Wilson has wisely said, 'We are not warring against the Germans, but against the German Dynasty and its Junkerdom, which is overbearing and insulting and a domineering party, on which account they are much hated by the Germans in Germany, as well as by people in other countries..'"

In concluding his comments, Heineman said "No demands by either the government or the public have been made to change the name of German firms or signs or titles, but considering all things from all sides and wishing to show our sincere loyalty to the most glorious and the most liberty-loving country on the face of the earth, the United States of America, I am expressing the wish, and your Board of Directors unanimously recommend, that the name of this bank shall be changed to the 'American National Bank of Wausau'."

The vote was unanimous, 2,614 to 0.

Today the "M&I First American Bank" conducts business in the same block that housed the old "German" bank. It is the successor to the American National Bank, the First National Bank and a number of other institutions that were consolidated in the early 1930's to provide sound and solvent banking for the people of Wausau.



Illustrated are an 1882 Second Charter $20 Brownback on The National German American Bank of Wausau. The bank president's signature is faded, but is that of Benjamin Heineman.

The 1902 $10 Third Charter note on the American National Bank of Wausau shows the new Charter date of February 1, 1918... the new title was granted under the old Charter number.

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February 20, 1994

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NOW Survey Results

Fifty-two individuals took the time to complete and return our NOW News questionnaire several months ago. Surveys were tallied and the information, suggestions, and comments will enable us to improve NOW News. We would like to share the information with you:

1) How long have you been a member of NOW?
   Average 10 years.

2) How many coin shows do you attend each year?
   Average 10 shows

3) Do you attend the NOW Convention?
   46% regularly; 31% seldom
   17% never; 6% other

4) How much time do you spend reading NOW News?
   10% - 15 min. or less
   44% - 15-30 minutes
   38% - 30-60 minutes
   6% - 60+ minutes
   2% - Read every word

5) Would you like more or less of the following articles?

	More %	Same %	Less %
Ancient Coins	23	27	19
Canadian Coins	11	33	21
Club News	31	48	-
Errors/Varieties	23	29	12
Foreign	17	36	17
Medals	12	19	15
News Releases	38	29	6
Odd & Curious	17	46	4
Paper Money	23	40	8
People News Profile	37	37	8
Questions/Answers	44	33	-
Show Calendar	21	52	2
Tokens	33	35	8
Trade Dollars	6	46	12
United States	35	40	2
Wooden Nickles	8	27	29

6) What other kinds of articles would you like to see published?
   * Coin metal detection finds
   * More on foreign currency
   * Spotlight on local/member dealers
   * Pictures of old NOW members
   * Commemoratives
   * Wisconsin related items
   * US Money minting of & printing of Government actions re coins, etc.
   * Member profiles, interesting collections
   * How to make the jump from collecting to dealing
   * Club profiles
   * US coins link to history

7) Have you noticed our business card ads? 96% yes; 4% no

8) Have you responded to any of these ads? 31% yes; 67% no

9) What comments/suggestions do you have for improving NOW News?
   * Fine job
   * Increase use of photos
   * Would like to see some marketing effort put forth to expand the younger base NOWs, geographically limited and survival depends on creating new interest within the boundaries. Could pursue this through schools or, ideally, University system.

9) comments/suggestions continued...

* Doing a good job for size of organization and financial strength. Can't all be CSNS or ANA type of clubs.
* It's been improving significantly over the last few years. Keep up the Good Work.
* More meat.
* Improving all the time. More emphasis on Wisconsin related themes.
* US Coin insights
* We look forward to and read every issue. Keep up the good work.
* Recent improvements, on right track.
* More pictures (I realize this is hard to do)
* Trends in the market
* Start a mail bid. Members can submit coins up to 10 lots; 10% to NOW.
* Encourage clubs to give door prizes - NOW memberships.
* Better communication from dealer to general public.

Numismatic Interests

10) Do you belong to a coin club?
73% yes;
27% no
How many? average 2-1/2 clubs

11) How long have you been a numismatic collector?
0 - less than 1 year
8% - 1-5 years
17% - 5-15 years
65% - 15+ years

12) What are your collecting specialties?
78% Coins
35% Medals
35% Tokens
35% Paper Money
33% Banknotes
19% Canadian Decimal
13% Odd & Curious
12% Wooden Nickles
8% Bullion Coins
8% Ancient Coins
6% Trade Dollars
4% Canadian Pre-Decimal

13) Are you a beginner?
56% Advanced collector
35% Intermediate
6% Beginner

14) Is Your spouse a collector?
12% yes;
73% no;
13% single

15) What Numismatic Publications do you receive?
75% Numismatic News
48% Coin World
35% World Coin News
31% BankNote Reporter

16) Numismatic Organizations I belong to
92% NOW
67% ANA
46% CSNS
4% CNS

17) Do you exhibit your collection at coin shows?
15% yes
56% no
27% used to

18) Which country is your primary collecting interest?

83% US
19% Foreign
8% British N.America
6% Great Britain
2% Mexico

Collection Habits

19) Why do you collect?

96% Hobby
44% Investment
40% History
23% Art Form

20) Other than Numismatic items, what do you collect?

38% Antiques
35% Postcards
31% Stamps
19% None
13% Toys
13% Jewelry
10% Sports cards
8% Trains

21) Where do you obtain items for your collection?

96% Shows
87% Dealers
62% Auctions
62% Mail Order
46% Other Collectors
40% Coin Clubs
6% Department Stores

22) On average, how many hours a month do you spend on your collection?

37% 20+ hours
23% 2-4 hours
13% 4-8 hours
17% 8-20 hours
6% Less than 2 hours

23) Approximately how much did you spend on your collection in 1990?

52% $1000+
17% $200-$500
13% Less than $200
13% $500-$1000

Personal

From the 52 people that returned questionnaires to us...

24) 96% were male;
4% female

25) 2% were under age 18
17% 19-34
31% 35-49
50% 50+

26) 81% were married;
19% single

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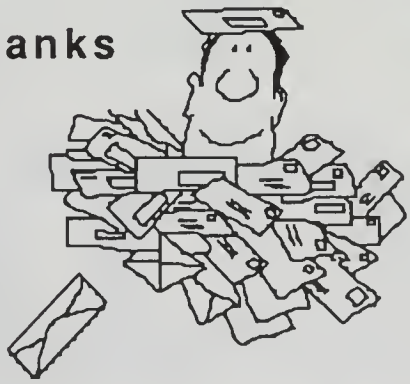

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[ ] **Reinstate Membership-$4**
I would like to reinstate my membership. Enclosed is $4 for my dues. My original No. was _____

[ ] **Coin Club Membership-$4**
My Club would like to join or reinstate membership in NOW.

Club Name_____

Address_____

Numismatic Organizations
I currently hold memberships in the following Numismatic organizations:

Send Application and Dues to:
NOW Secretary/Treasurer
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Business card.....	$ 20
One-quarter page.....	$ 35
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One-page.....	$100
Inside& back cover..	$125

Single Issue Rates

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One-quarter page....	$ 10
One-half page.....	$ 18
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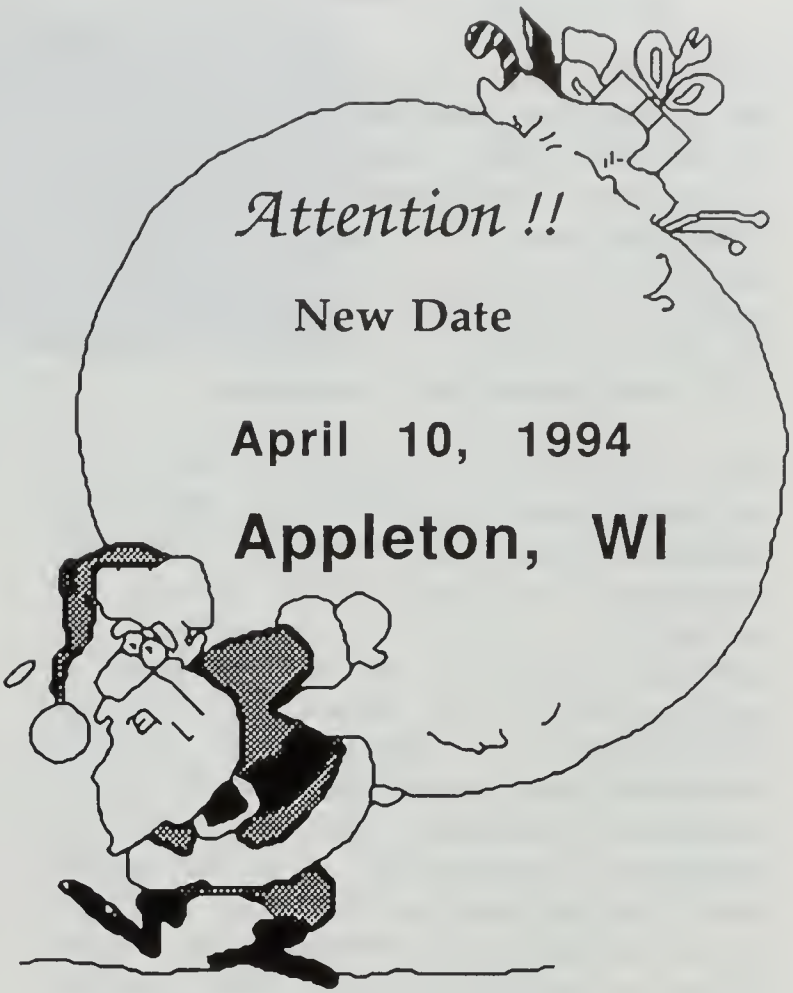

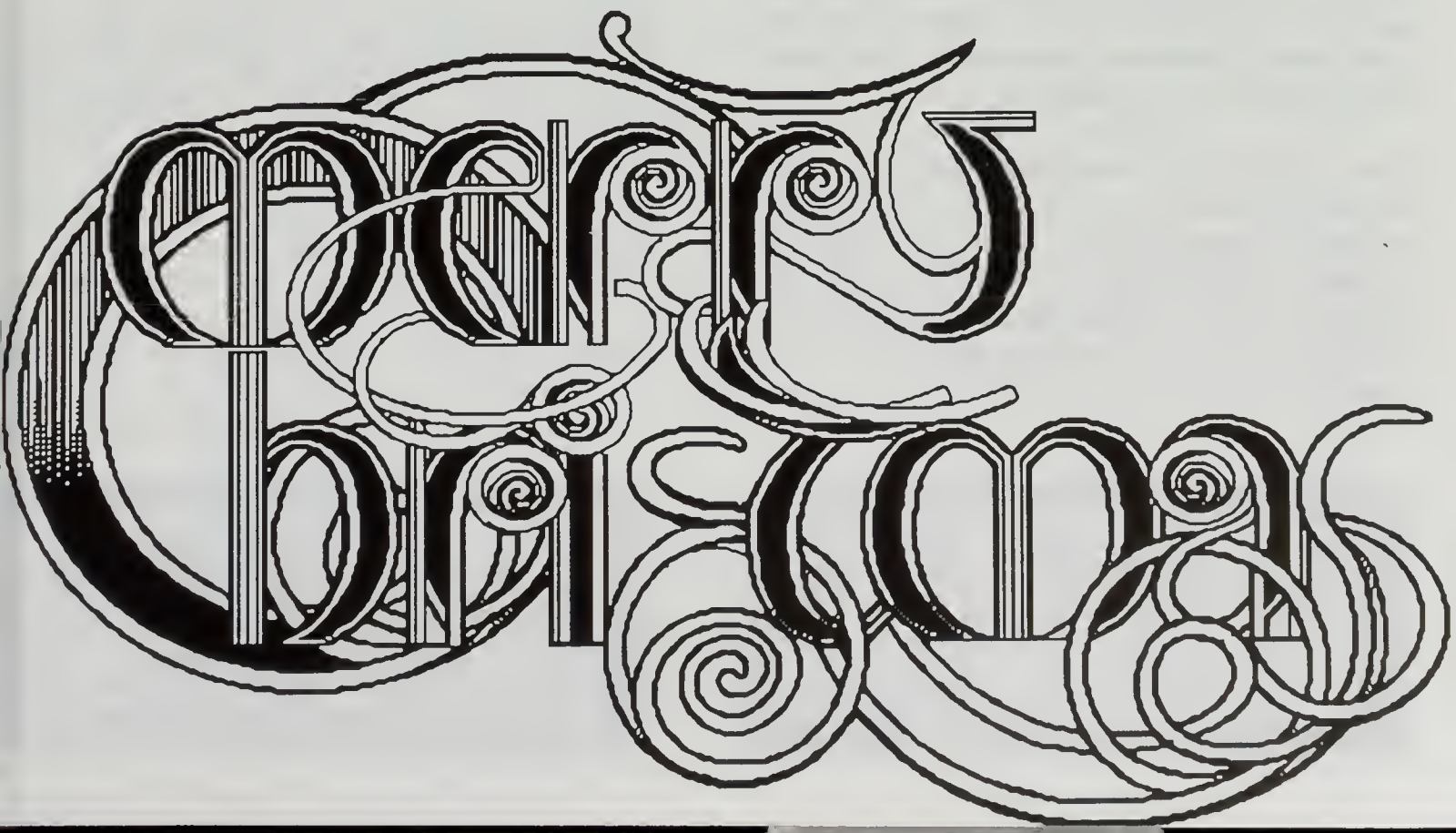

WI-CWT VIDEO AVAILABLE NOW

Wisconsin CWT collector Bob Kraft has announced the availability of a 90 minute video (VHS) on Wisconsin Civil war Storecards. The video presents some 215 views of Wisconsin storecards, including, at the very least, single view of all recognized WI CW merchants. The rare Filner and Tate pieces are included.

The video is complete with a personalized sound track offering observations and comments. Kraft suggests that the video should be attractive to CWT collectors in general, and to WI collectors in particular. The video is, to say the least, an inexpensive way to view and have quasi-possession of, a complete town and merchant set of Wisconsin storecards. Clubs might wish to program the video as part of their educational programming. The Video is professionally done and is now available as a very limited edition. Present plans are to limit the video to 50 copies.

The video is available in a hard shipping case at the cost of $32.00 each, postpaid. Orders may be placed with Robert Kraft, 205 N. Whitney Way, Madison, WI 53705. Orders will be honored on the first come, first served basis.

KODAK OFFERS SILVER COINS

As part of a promotional campaign, consumers can purchase National Football League Team silver coins when they buy Kodak Gold Super 200 film.

Each coin, valued at $29.95, can be ordered for $9.95 by mailing in a form on the film pack. Minted from one ounce of silver, each coin features a team on one side and the NFL logo on the other side.

In a related promotion, Kodak Fun Saver 35 single-use cameras will feature a pre-exposed team action photo on the first frame of film. When customers get their prints back, they'll also get the photo shown on the camera package along with the other photos they have taken.

Kodak hopes that picture takers will have enlargements made from the football picture negative and that will spur additional enlargements to be made from other pictures on the roll. The Fun Saver 35 retails for $10.95.

The campaigns are currently being advertised and will continue with national ads starting in October.

From THE SILVER INSTITUTE LETTER
9-1993

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NATIONAL MEDAL HONORING PERSIAN GULF VETERANS

On January 17, 1991, Americans watched in vivid detail on television as the United States Armed Forces led coalition forces from 39 countries in a military attack on Iraq to liberate Kuwait. To show the veterans of the Persian Gulf America's gratitude for their service, Public Law 102-281, passed by Congress, authorizes the U.S. Mint to produce silver Persian Gulf Veterans National Medals.

To recognize the contributions of the estimated 650,000 men and women who served or continue to serve in the Persian Gulf, the Public Law authorizes the U.S. Mint to produce, and sell to the public, 1-1/2 inch bronze versions of the Persian Gulf Veterans National Medal. All proceeds from the sale of the bronze medals, after expenses, will be used to produce silver versions of the medal for presentation to each veteran who served or continue to serve in the Persian Gulf or their next of kin. The Mint is also accepting private donations toward the minting of the silver medal.

The obverse of the medal depicts the U.S. forces with a battle tank, missile launcher, aircraft carrier and aircraft representing the various branches of the Armed Forces. The reverse names the medal and has an inscription in recognition of service in the Persian Gulf Conflict. It also has a heraldic eagle with a banner inscribed, "Act of Congress * 1992,"

There are two packaging options available for the bronze medal: **The Presentation Package**, which features the medal in a handsome velvet presentation case in a special protective sleeve; and **The Collector's Package**, which comes with the medal in a unique envelope with an easel for display and an informational tent card. Both options include a Certificate of Authenticity.

The Presentation Package and The Collector's Package are available from the Mint for $15.50 and $12.50, respectively, by mail order or by phone, by calling 1-800-642-5552. For individuals interested in making a donation, please mail your check to: United States Mint, Persian Gulf Veterans National Medal Fund, c/o Office of Accounting and Financial Systems, 633 Third Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20220. Checks should be made payable to the United States Mint.

FAREWELL AND HELLO

Dealers and Collectors have lost a friend when Mr. Maurice LaFontaine said Adieu, September 20th, as Master of the Royal Canadian Mint, A position he held since 1986. Mr. Murray Church arranged for a formal and informal farewell gatherings of officials and employees at both Mints.

Letters of tribute were read at Ottawa from numismatic organizations during the course of an evening party. Under his leadership the highly successful line of Maple Leaf Bullion coins with new metal and sizes, along with the Aviation, Platinum Wildlife, $200 Gold Series, the highlight was "CANADA 125" set, last year, which the mint had to strike more for circulation and proof sets then was planned for.

Mr. LaFontaine's replacement, is Mrs. Ruth Hubbard, started August 25, Ruth Hubband is breaking ground as being the first woman to be appointed as Master of The Royal Canadian Mint. Mrs. Hubbard entered the government work force in 1963. She also was head of Customs and Excise Department of the Ministry of Revenue. During that time she was involved with Numismatic Issues. Mrs. Hubbard admits to being new to numismatics.

Mrs. Hubbard was impressed with the operation of the Royal Canadian Mint and doesn't plan any changes at this time, I'm not saying there won't be changes as the Mint grows and evolves. But there won't be change for the sake of change. We all wish Mr. LaFontine a happy and long retirement and Mrs. Hubbard best wishes at her new job.

'94 KRAUSE COIN CALENDAR

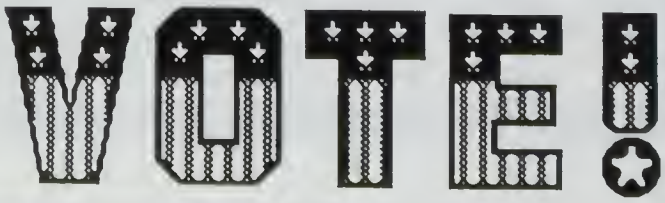
Coin collectors can enjoy a vivid, full-color image of some of America's best-loved coins each month with a copy of Krause Publications' 1994 Coin Calendar.

This year's calendar -- available now for holiday gift-giving -- was printed on high-quality glossy paper in a new large format (16 5/8 inches by 12 inches), providing brilliant reproduction of such famous coins as the 1918/17-S Standing Liberty quarter, 1793 Liberty Cap half cent, an 1875 Trade dollar pattern, 1913-S Type II Buffalo nickel, and the rare 1891 gold $20, or double eagle. The calendar also depicts an 1853 gold $10 (eagle), 1880 gold dollar, 1863-S half dime, 1923 Mercury dime, 1838 -D gold $5 (half eagle), 1850 large cent, and a 1921-D Walking Liberty half dollar.

Historical commentary accompanies each featured issue, providing a monthly numismatic history lesson for the viewer. In addition, the calendar itself includes notes on important dates in numismatic history.

Krause Publications' 1994 Coin Calendar can be purchased for $6.95 postpaid. Wisconsin residents, add 5½% sales tax.

Write Krause Publications, Coin Calendar Order NR, 700 E. State Street, Iola, WI 54990-0001.



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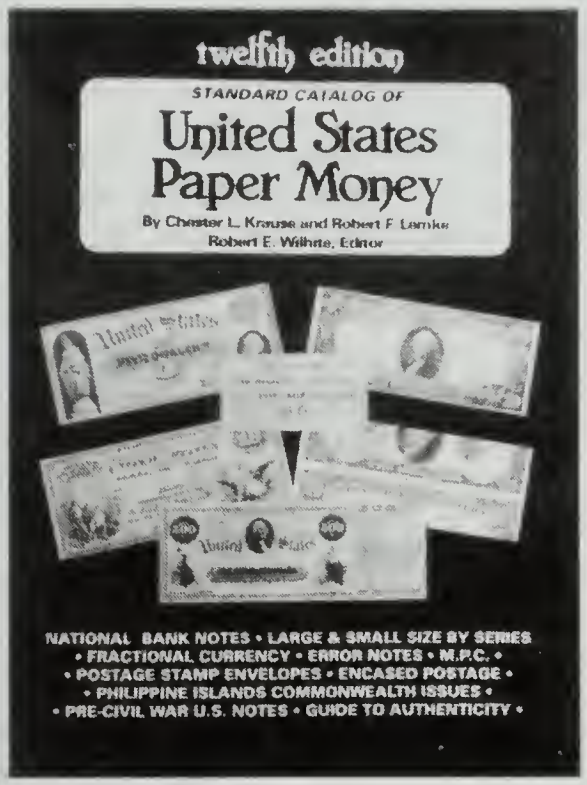

Values for hundreds of large-size notes have increased in grades as low as fine in the newly released 12th edition of the STANDARD CATALOG OF UNITED STATES PAPER MONEY by Chester L. Krause and Robert F. Lemke.

The STANDARD CATALOG OF U.S. PAPER MONEY totals 206 pages (8½" by 11") and can be purchased from hobby book dealers or directly from Krause Publications, Book Department NR, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. $21.95 plus $2.50 for shipping. Wisconsin residents add 5½% sales tax.

The hard-cover book also lists small size notes, National Bank notes, Pre-Civil War U.S. Treasury notes, Civil War paper-money substitutes, fractional currency, encased postage stamps, postage-stamp envelopes, error notes, and Philippine currency of 1903-1944. The small-size notes include new pricing and serial-number information on Series 1988A issues.

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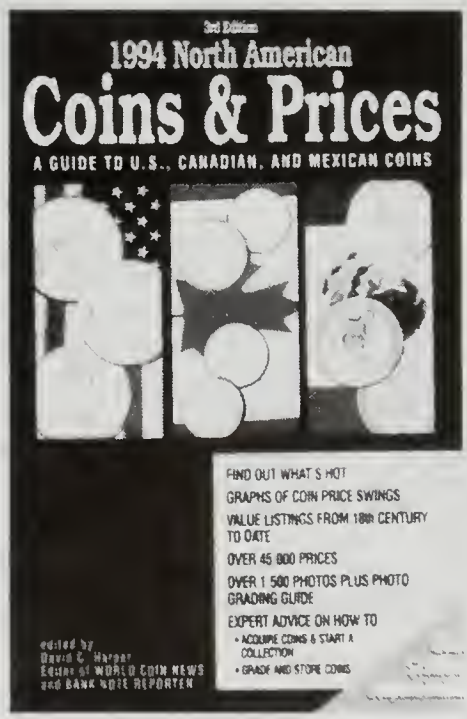
1994 NORTH AMERICAN COINS & PRICES

Since its debut with the 1992 edition, North American Coins & Prices has been of the best-selling coin books to come on the market in recent years. Besides the book's price listings, nine introductory chapters provide extensive how to information that benefits novice and veteran collectors alike.

The soft-covered 1994 NORTH AMERICAN COINS & PRICES contains 512 pages (6" by 9"). It can be purchased from major bookstores, numismatic book dealers, or from Krause Publications, Book Department NR, 700 E. State Street, Iola, WI 54990-0001. $13.95 plus $2.50 shipping. Wisconsin residents add 5½% sales tax.



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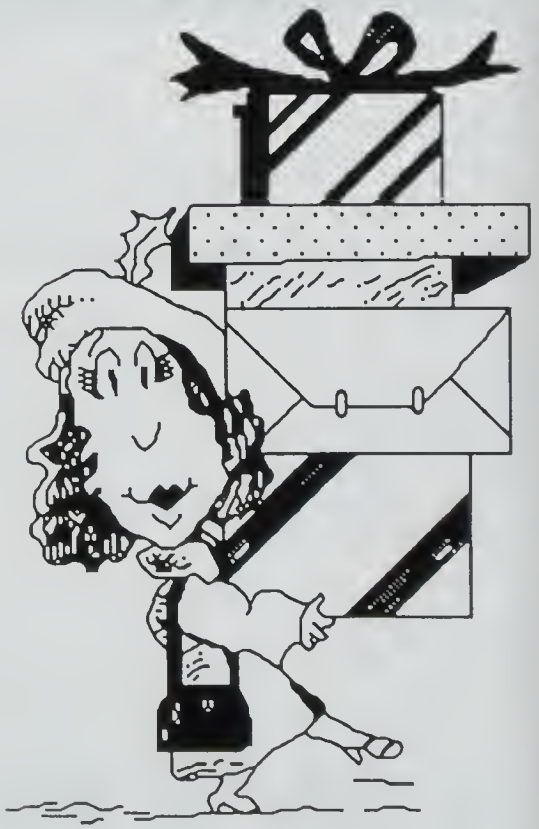


JUNIOR AUCTION AT CSNS CONVENTION

An auction for Young umismatists has been added to the entral States Numismatic Society's onvention in Indianapolis next pril.

The program will be modeled fter the highly successful junior uction staged the past two years uring the Indiana State Numismatic ssociation's annual conventions in hich youngsters are given $250 in lay money to use in bidding on oins.

Ray Lockwood of Marion, who has rganized the ISNA programs, will be n charge of the CSNS event, cheduled for Saturday afternoon, pril 9, 1994 in the Indiana onvention Center in downtown ndianapolis.

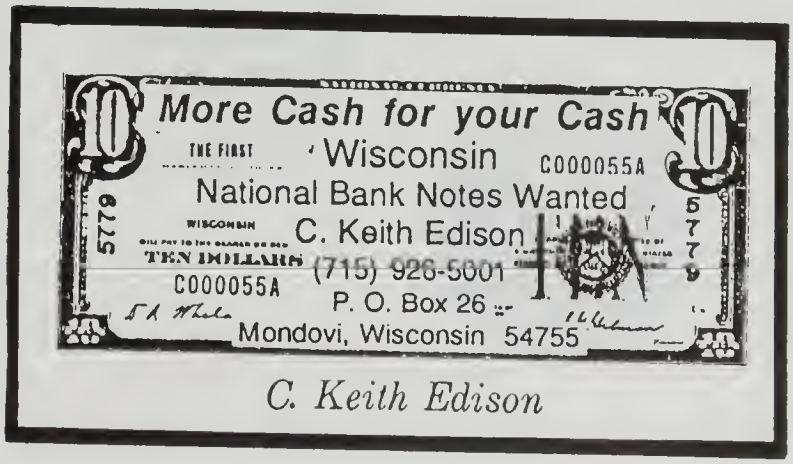
Lockwood said the CSNS auction enerally will follow the ISNA odel, although there will be no ncentive money available because of me constraints. The ISNA program fers extra auction dollars to niors who performs certain tasks uring the year, including hibiting, giving talks and tending local clubs meetings.

Coins offered in the auction re donated by dealers. Ohio dealer len Karn, who also is a CSNS board mber, contributed $100. to get the ogram moving. Karn challenged her CSNS dealers to make similar nations of either cash or coins.

The CSNS junior program also will feature a talk by Florence Schook of Livonia, Mich., a member of both the CSNS and American Numismatic Association boards and a long-time promoter of Young Numismatist programs.

Lockwood, a past president of ISNA, is currently a member of its board and is a candidate for the CSNS board.

For additional information, contact Lockwood at 2075 E. Bocock Rd. Marion, Ind., 46952; phone 317-664-6520.



KENOSHA COIN CLUB

The Kenosha Coin Club is issuing a Good For sticker Kennedy Half Dollar to commemorate its annual convention with was held in Kenosha, Wisconsin at the Holiday Inn on Sunday, November 14, 1993.

One hundred of these half dollars were put into circulation by members of the club. Another 100 are being sold to collectors. These are placed in a plastic case, with a 1993 Kennedy Half, the reverse sticker reads; $1.00 in trade at the Holiday Inn, Kenosha Wis. Coin Show, Nov. 14, 1993. The case also has a sticker which reads, 1 of 100/ our 35th year/ 1958-1993/ Kenosha Coin Club/ Kenosha, Wis.

To receive one of these cased sticker halfs, send $3.00 in check to Kenosha Coin Club, c/o Secretary, Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.

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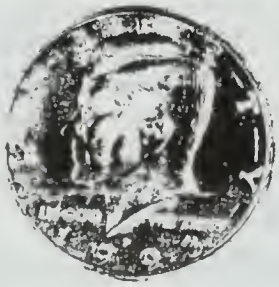

Trade Tokens of Wisconsin

This 1993 book doubles the number of Wisconsin trade tokens listed to over 10,000 and adds a blend of historical footnotes, photos of classic rarities, selected period postcard views, and old commercial advertising.

A special 50-page "Token Tales" section features short stories about the people who lived the times and used the tokens.

A page numbered maverick index of over 2,400 listings will please the exonumia researcher.

The 334-page hard cover book is available directly from the author and is priced at $25, plus $2.50 postage per book (Wis. buyers, add 5% WI sales tax -- $1.25).

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COINS, CEREAL AND THE RCM

There's treasure to be found in boxes of Cap'n Crunch cereal. The Royal Canadian Mint is offering numismatic prizes to those Canadians lucky enough to find special coupons on inside panels of specially marked cereal boxes.

Quaker Oats Canada and the RMC have jointly planned a 1.5 million to 1.6 million box promotion of the breakfast cereal and coin collecting. Some of the specially printed boxes have hidden treasure in the box. The treasure on the inside of 100 boxes is a voucher to be redeemed for a 1993 Canadian Proof Set.

One box has a voucher to be redeemed for $1,000 worth of gold coins. Mint spokesman David Siriani said the prize will be in Mint products, but the actual prize had not been immediately determined.

There is a card on the inside of each specially marked box inviting the box holder to send for a free mystery prize. The mystery prize consists of a letter from Cap'n Crunch, a 1992 Canada 125 circulating commemorative 25¢ coin in special cardboard card, discount coupons for Quaker Oats cereal products and a COOL COINS booklet published for the RMC.

There is a treasure chest hidden within a treasure island sketch on the back of the cereal boxes. Those locating the chest are invited to send for this free mystery prize.

The packaged 1992 Canada 125 coin used with the surprise package examined by COIN WORLD appeared to be in Specimen condition.

The side panels of the box ask other questions about the sketch on the back. The inside of the box gives information on the RCM and details about the contest in addition to the mystery prize form. All information printed on the boxes is in both French and English.

Siriani said the Mint anticipates about 8,000 responses to redeem the mystery prizes. The contest began July 1 and will run through March 1.

The specially marked Cap'n Crunch cereal boxes will be distributed across Canada. An inside panel on each box will contain information about the RMC and will invite children to send in the application for the free mystery prize.

Siriani said a data base has been established to retain the names of all those responding for the mystery prizes. He said the Mint has not identified a future program for kids, but something will be developed targeted to those responding to the contest.

According to Siriani, the Mint was approached by Quaker Oats to develop some form of promotion. Future plans were not immediately available, but Siriani said, "We're included in the plans with these people for next year.

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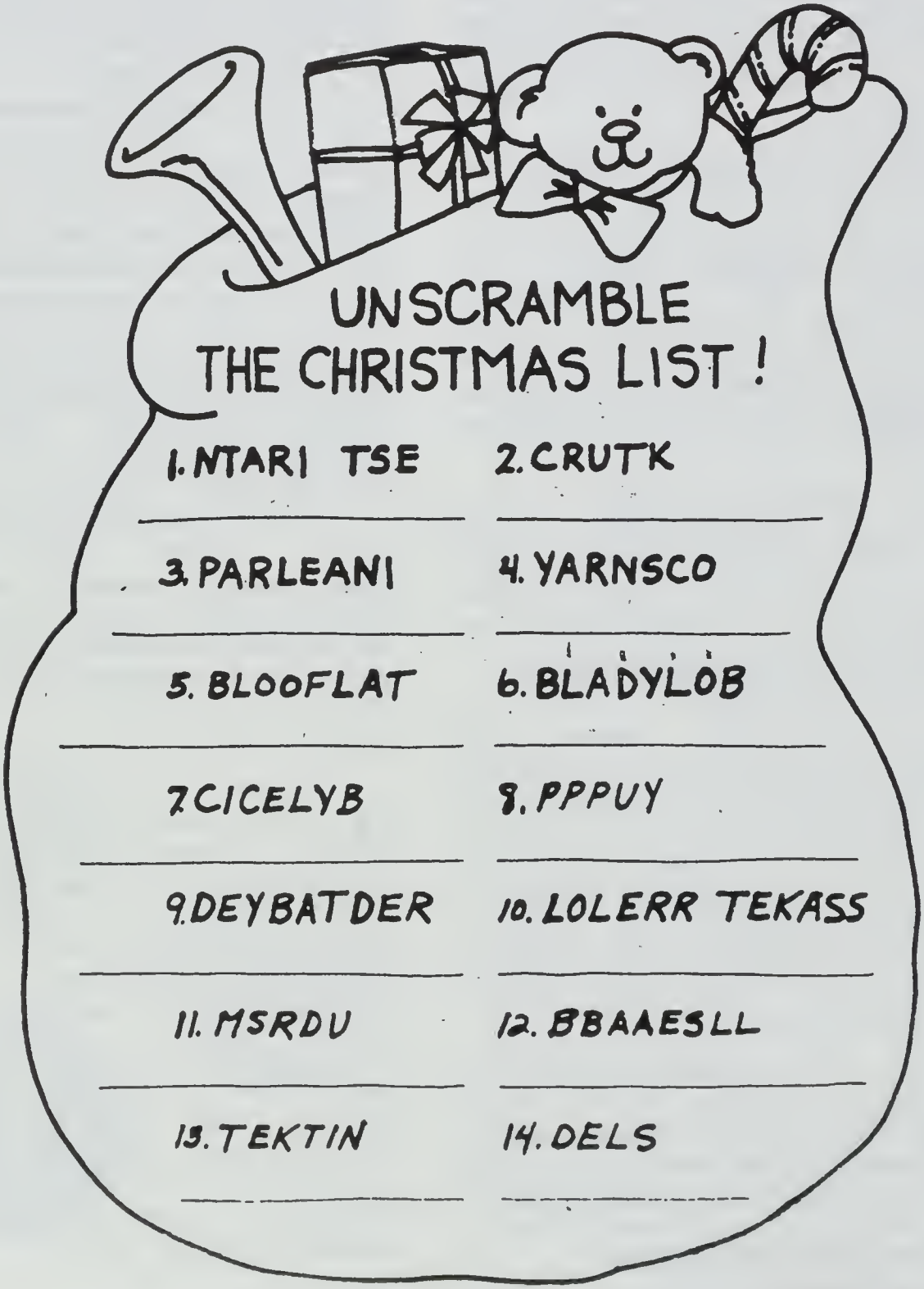
SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS OR GRANDKIDS TO DO



ANSWER ON PAGE 29.

OFFICIAL COIN WASHER RETIRES AT 88

The only man in the world who could legally launder money recently retired after 31 years.

Arnold Batliner, 88, is reported to have left his job as the official coin washer at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. He was reported to have washed more than 1,105,000 pounds of coins worth perhaps $17 million since he began the job 31 years ago. The prestigious hotel began the custom in 1938 because silver dollars were "dirtying the white gloves of ladies using the hotel."

Batliner, born in Austria, is profiled in a recent issue of AUSTRIAN INFORMATION.

FROM COIN WORLD

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 28.

1. Train Set	2. Truck
3. Airplane	4. Crayons
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7. Bicycle	8. Puppy
9. Teddy Bear	10. Roller Skates
11. Drums	12. Baseball
13. Kitten	14. Sled

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

In the last issue of NOW NEWS, I asked for articles. I'm still waiting! Please refer to page 4 to sign up for the Wisconsin Numismatic Writer's Association. Send dues to Harold Helm, 119 West 9th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901. Send the articles to me and maybe you could receive awards and cash.

I've enjoyed being editor of NOW NEWS this year and as each year goes by, I hope to make it better with the help of all of you. Your the ones, as members make the club work and the NOW NEWS great.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you next year in Green Bay for the State Convention.

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CHICAGO, IL - APRIL 14-16, 1994

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